Terrorist attacks after September 11, incidents in US

1121. SHRI SURJSH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the incidents of terrorist attacks in India after the September 11 attacks on WTC in the US;

(b) the number of terrorists, para-military personnel and civilians died in these attacks; and

(c) the details of concrete steps taken to avert such incidents causing heavy casualties including loss of life?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The details of major terrorist incidents in J&K after 11 September 2001 are indicated below:—

(i) Nine SOG personnel were killed and 11 others injured in a Fidayeen attack on SOG camp, Handwara, District Kupwara on 17.9.2001. One Fridayeen terrorist was also killed.

(ii) Terrorists launched a Fidayeen attack on the State Assembly in Srinagar and (J&K) on 1.10.2001, killing 39 persons and injuring 60 others.

(iii) Four LeT terrorists opened indiscriminate fire at the security guards at the entrance gate of Air Force Station, Avantipura, District Pulwama J&K on 22.10.2001 in an unsuccessful bid to enter the campus. The Sentries retaliated killing all the four terrorists. One sentry and lone civilian were also killed and three security force personnel and one civilian injured in the exchange of fire.

(iv) One JeM terrorist entered the bathroom of PS Chandoora, District Budgam, J and K on 26.10.2001 and started firing, causing injuries to two CRPF personnel, including a SI. Army/CRPF cordoned the area and killed the terrorist in the encounter.

(v) During an operation carried by Army/Police on 29.10.2001 one militant holed up in a mosque in village Panzan, Chadoora District Budgam J&K was killed and 1 AK Rifle with 04 Magazines was recovered.

(vi) Four Army Jawans were killed and five others injured when a fidayeen group attacked 36 RR camp at Peth Deyalgam District Anantnag, J&K on 3 November, 2001. One LeT terrorist was killed after encounter.

(c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects, it is for the concerned State Governments to devise various methods and take concrete steps to counter terrorist activities in the States. Government has adopted a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tacking the activities of militants which includes strengthening the border management to check illegal cross border activities, gearing up the intelligence machinery, close interaction between different agencies of the Centre and the State Governments, neutralizing plans of militants and anti-national elements by coordinated action, modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advance sophisticated weapons and communication system etc. As a result of coordinated action, several terrorist modules have been neutralized.

Funds are also reimbursed to the States under the Scheme of reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure, incurred by the States on combating terrorist/militant/extremist activities.

Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance, 2001 has been promulgated under which 23 organisations are listed as Terrorist Organisations.

In the wake of the 11th September attacks in USA, the State Governments/Union Territories have been advised to strengthen security around the vital installations. Review of VVIP security has been undertaken. Security of airports, aircraft etc. has been strengthened. The State Governments have been requested to gear up collection of intelligence with regard to sabotage,

subversive activities and attempts to disturb communal harmony. The State Governments/UTs have also been requested to keep contigency plans in readiness to deal with any eventuality.

Banning Restaurants with Bar during day time

1122. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the contents of news-item titled "Teenagers cross the liquor bar" appearing in the Hindustan Times South-Delhi Live, dated 29th August, 2001;

(b) whether the restaurants having bar in the capital are allowed to serve liquor to persons below 25 years that too during day time and consequently there is increase in the number of teenagers taking to alcohol; and

(c) if so, whether Government would take constructive steps to ban the working of such restaurants during day time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The serving of liquor to any person apparently under the age of 25 years is an offence. The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have taken suitable steps to enforce this provision.

Killings in Jammu and Kashmir

1123. SHRI. SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a recent press report quoting an internal note prepared by the Ministry of Home Affairs, on an average 10 killings are taking place in Jammu and Kashmir daily;

(b) if so, the number of civilians, para-military security personnel, defence personnel killed in the State during January, 1998 to September, 2001;

(c) how many persons have been killed after 11 September, 2001 in Jammu and Kashmir; and